UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Tolson DATE: November 22, 1963

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

I talked to SAC Shanklin in Dallas at 9:18 pm. He said arrangements have been made with Carswell Air Force Base to fly one of our Agents up to Washington with the rifle that was recovered by the police together with the fragments of the bullet taken from Governor Connelly and the cartridge cases. I told SAC Shanklin that Secret Service had one of the bullets that struck President Kennedy and the other is lodged behind the President's ear and we are arranging to get both of these. I told him to notify us when the gun will reach Washington so we can have the Laboratory standing by.

I told Shanklin that it appeared the rifle was highly important particularly as Oswald is making no admissions and leads should be set out to immediately check this rifle as well as the telescope sight. Shanklin said this was being done. I told Shanklin to also see if the police want us to make a ballistics test on the pistol which shot the police officer and if so to forward the pistol and the bullets to us for examination. I told Shanklin if the police don't want to release the pistol to us, he should find out all about it, that is, make, caliber, how many bullets were fired, etc.

Shanklin said that he realized that it was extremely important to locate and interview the co-workers of Oswald and any people that knew him in order to account for his whereabouts and actions, and he said this is being done.

I told Shanklin that President Johnson has been in touch with the Director and wants to be sure we are on top of this case and is looking to the FBI solving the case. It is, therefore, imperative that we do everything possible in this case. Shanklin understood.

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Shanklin was advised that we are sending out another teletype to all offices instructing that any allegations or leads pertaining to the assassination must be run out on an urgent basis and the Bureau and Dallas, office of origin, advised.

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In view of the fact a number of leads are developing in Dallas and it is necessary to conduct numerous interviews at one, I told Shanklin we would send in an additional 20 Agents, four stenographers and ten cars. The Administrative Division is handling this tonight.

Done WSM

OK.